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SUBJ: CERTIFICATION OF TESTING PROGRAMS OF TELEVISION

MANUFACTURERS

1. IF EMBASSY PERCEIVES NO OBJECTION, ITS CLEARANCE IS REQUESTED FOR ABOVE VISIT. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO INFORM GOJ THAT DHEW/FDA EMPLOYEES THOMAS M. MOORE AND WILLIAM F. DEFIBAUGH OF BUREAU OF RADIOLOGICAL HEALTH WILL BE IN JAPAN JANUARY 18-FEBRUARY 1 TO EVALUATE TESTING PROGRAMS AND CONDUCT ACTUAL COMPLIANCE TESTING OF TELEVISION RECEIVERS.

2. UNDER AUTHORITY OF P.L. 90-602 FDA HAS RESPONSIBILITY TO DEVELOP AND ENFORCE STANDARDS FOR ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS HAVING POTENTIAL TO PRODUCE RADIATION. PERFORMANCE STANDARD FOR TELEVISION RECEIVERS BECAME EFFECTIVE JANUARY 15, 1970. MANUFACTURERS ARE REQUIRED TO CERTIFY THAT THEIR PRODUCTS COMPLY WITH TELEVISION STANDARD AND TO BASE THIS CERTIFICATION ON TESTING PROGRAMS NOT DISAPPROVED BY DHEW.

3. DISCUSSIONS HAVE BEEN HELD WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF

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FOREIGN MANUFACTURERS ON POSSIBILITY OF CONDUCTING IN-PLANT VISITS AT POINT OF MANUFACTURE. AS RESULT, INVITA-

TIONS ARE BEING RECEIVED TO PROVIDE INSPECTION PROGRAMS FOR THOSE FOREIGN MANUFACTURERS OF TELEVISION RECEIVERS WHO WILL CERTIFY THEIR PRODUCTS PRIOR TO OFFERING THEM FOR IMPORTATION INTO U.S.

4. ITINERARY:

ROCKVILLE, MD. TO TOKYO - JANUARY 17-18

TOEI MUSEN PLANT - JANUARY 21

VICTOR JVC PLANT - JANUARY 22

GENERAL PLANT - JANUARY 23

AKAI PLANT - JANUARY 24

IKEGAMI PLANT - JANUARY 25

TRAVEL TO OSAKA - JANUARY 26-27

MATSUSHITA PLANT - JANUARY 28

NAGATA PLANT - JANUARY 29

TRAVEL TO TOKYO - JANUARY 30

CHUO MUSEN PLANT - JANUARY 31

LEAVE FOR U.S. - JANUARY 31 - FEBRUARY 1

EMBASSY ASSISTANCE WILL NOT BE REQUIRED.

5. DEPT UNDERSTANDS THE PURPOSES OF THIS CERTIFICATION PROCESS FOR TELEVISION RECEIVERS TO BE SIMILAR TO THAT OF THE EARLIER AUTOMOBILE EMISSION STANDARD INSPECTION TEAM OF THE EPA. EMBASSY SHOULD INQUIRE WHETHER INFORMATION PROVIDED THUS FAR TO FONMIN SATISFIES REQUEST FOR CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO ANY FURTHER VISITS TO JAPAN OF THIS NATURE. WHILE WE ARE FULLY PREPARED TO CONSULT FURTHER ON THESE MATTERS, FONMIN WILL BE AWARE THAT CONSEQUENT DELAY IN IMPLEMENTING CERTIFICATION PROCEDURES MAY RESULT IN DISADVANTAGEOUS TREATMENT OF FOREIGN MANUFACTURED TELEVISION SETS BASED ON A REQUIREMENT FOR INDIVIDUAL CHECKING OF EACH SET AT THE PORT OF ENTRY OR SOME EQUIALLY CUMBERSOME PROCEDURE. WE ARE IN PRINCIPLE PREPARED TO DISCUSS JAPANESE IDEA OF MUTUAL CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE, BUT REQUIREMENTS OF US LAWS, AND NECESSITY TO DEVELOP SAFEGUARDS OR CERIFICATION PROCEDURES WOULD NECESSITATE COMPLEX NEGOTIATIONS WHICH MIGHT INHIBIT TRADE. ACCORDINGLY WE BELIEVE GOJ MAY WISH TO ALLOW CONTINUANCE OF PRESENT

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